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The Committee believes that these actions properly balance its responsibility for oversight with the Agency's need for adequate flexibility in responding rapidly to unforeseen contingencies. The Committee's action allows for a Reserve substantially larger than in recent years. The Committee believes that appropriate augmentation of the Reserve may occur by approcedures other than supplementals when circumstances dictate.

The Committee has recommended for assignment to specific budget accounts those items for which your program plans and costs are reasonably certain. The Committee believes the funds requested for such activities be transferred directly to appropriate specific accounts rather than passing through the Reserve. Transferato the Reserve should be limited to amounts which are for true contingencies. With regard to those transfers with which the Committee does not concur, the Committee has no objection to them, per se. These operations lack immediacy for funding and it would be inappropriate to fund them through extraordinary means. The Committee encourages the inclusion of any consult of these programs in the FY 1981 budget, by amendment, if justified.

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The Committee appreciates the difficulties which face the nation at this time. The Committee will be happy to consult further with you on funding needs at any future time.

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